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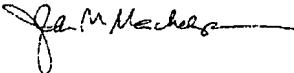
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NON-FEE Response to Election/Restriction Requirement of 03 October 2007

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Applicants hereby petition to request an extension of time to respond of <0> mos. under 37 CFR 1.136(a), permitting the attached response and amendments to be entered, as applicants are within shortened statutory time permitted by the examiner. The fee of \$0 <none due> required under §1.17(a)(1) [1251/2251] is to be charged attached is credit card authorization PTO FORM 2038. If determined that an amount is due as a result of the attached response, such amount is to be charged to Macheleldt Bales LLP deposit acct no. 020725.

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Response to Election/Restriction Communication; Election with Traverse

This election *without traverse* is made in response to the Patent Office examiner's communication (Election/Restriction) under 35 U.S.C. 121, employing [DETAILED ACTION, Page 2]” mailed 03 October 2007, for which response is due *without petition for extra time* by Monday, 05 Nov 2007 (Nov 03 falls on a Saturday), identifying three groupings (I, II, and III). While the examiner notes a call was made on 08/20/2007: No message or other indication of contact was left for undersigned, suggesting that the examiner had attempted contact. The undersigned encourages the examiner to call as she sees fit in an effort to expedite prosecution.

Focus initial review to Group I (claims 1-7)

So that prosecution on the merits of the instant application can be entered—and the examiner may proceed to search the record—applicants have chosen to focus prosecution to those claims drawn to the structure identified by the examiner as belonging to **Group I**, namely, claims 1 – 7. Applicants hereby elect **Group I**. **Group I** includes claims which the examiner believes fall within a particular identified class and subclass; this restriction being deemed proper by the examiner because the claims as filed recite “inventions [that] are independent or distinct ... and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions require a different field of search.” The examiner states, further: “Group I claims 1-7, which are directed to a tile structure having a composition of a binder material, a phase change material and a granular base medium.”

GENERAL REMARKS

As is known, an allowed generic claim may link species embraced thereby. Those claims directed to different species of an allowed generic claim can be rejoined for allowance within the same application. In sum, an election has been made by applicants based on examiner requirement, as can best be understood, to those claims directed to structures singled-out as **Group I**, in an effort to move prosecution forward. It is understood that, at this point in time, **no claim will be cancelled even though it may be withdrawn from further consideration herein, as being directed to another of the patentably distinct groupings.**

Respectfully submitted this 02nd day of November 2007



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